



SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
Adam Christianson, Sheriff-Coroner

ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION

June 16, 2016

The Honorable Marie Sovey Silveira, Presiding Judge
Stanislaus County Superior Court
P.O. Box 3488
Modesto, Ca 95353

Re: Response to Grand Jury Report 16-27-GJ and 16-28-GJ

Dear Judge Silveira:

The Sheriff's Department is in receipt of the Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury's completed "Case # 16-27-GJ Stanislaus County Coroner's Division Tour" and "Case #16-28-GJ Ride Along Programs" report dated June 8, 2016.

The Civil Grand Jury included a narrative section in the report; wherein it describes in very brief, generic terms the Coroner's Division, its operation and services provided to the community. The Civil Grand Jury also discussed the Sheriff's Ride Along Programs in the City of Patterson and the Sheriff's Operations Center.

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 933(c) and 933.05 (f), the following is our response as it pertains to the Sheriff's Department Coroner's Division.

Coroner's Division

Findings:

F1. The new Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department, Sheriff's Coroner's Division facility provides much-needed services to assist in determining causes of death.

Response: The Respondent agrees with the finding.

Commendation:

The Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury found the new Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department Coroner's Division building to be an impressive state-of-the-art facility serving the present needs of Stanislaus County; it has the potential for growth that will continue this service into the foreseeable future. It is commendable that the SCSDCD was



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truly a steward of taxpayers' money by utilizing existing facilities and equipment to save \$7 million.

Response: The department appreciates the recognition. The completion of this project and its success is also due to many other stakeholders and partners including the Board of Supervisors, Patricia Hill Thomas, our Capital Facilities Projects Team and the men and women of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department who proudly serve the People of Stanislaus County.

Sheriff's Ride Along Programs

Findings:

F2/F3. Patterson Police Services works well with the City of Patterson to ensure protection for all citizens. The Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department works well within the unincorporated areas of Modesto to ensure protection for all citizens.

Response: The respondent agrees with the finding.

Commendations:

The Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury commends the Modesto Police Department, Patterson Police Services, and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department for the professional, knowledgeable and dedicated efforts of the officers and deputies who work diligently to protect and serve the communities in Stanislaus County.

Response: The department sincerely appreciates the comments, recognition and support of the Civil Grand Jury. At a time when law enforcement is often villainized for its efforts, the men and women who serve everyone in Stanislaus County as peace officers are hard working, dedicated professionals. We also want to recognize our non-sworn support staff and professional staff who are a valuable part of our public safety team. As the Sheriff of Stanislaus County, I'm very proud of them all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Christianson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ADAM CHRISTIANSON
Sheriff-Coroner
Stanislaus County

cc: Supervisor Dick Monteith, Chairman
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

Edward Halsey, Foreperson Pro Tempore
Stanislaus County Civil Grand Jury 2015-2016

Stan Risen, Chief Executive Officer
Stanislaus County